

## AGRICULTURE FOR NEGROES.

Bishop Grant Believes in it—A Michigan Colored Farming Township.

(The Indianapolis News)

Bishop Abraham Grant arrived in the city this week after an absence of nearly a month, in which time he traveled extensively in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and neighboring states, and spent a week at Chicago, where he presided over the historical and literary congress, a body made up of representative colored men from all parts of the country. The last place he visited was Day township, in Cass county, Michigan, which, he says, has a population two-thirds of which are colored people, owning farms covering an area of eight by twenty miles, all under cultivation. The township has five mixed schools and three churches, the majority of the schools employing colored teachers.

The Bishop is a strong advocate of agricultural pursuits for the colored



BISHOP ABRAM GRANT.

man, and urges his people to avail themselves of every opportunity to get a share of the highly-productive soil to be had in farms in most parts of the North and West, especially in the States of Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. "I see no reason," said the bishop, "why my people should remain in any section of country where their rights are abridged and disfranchising methods are employed and other discrimination is shown, when they are welcome to become citizens of the states mentioned if they are thrifty and industrious. The large cities of the country are overrun with the laboring classes, and it is not advisable for any people to locate in such surroundings, where it costs so much to live, and in many instances they must live on credit, for the reason that they can not get employment. The sooner we learn to get lands and settle on them and become permanent freeholders the sooner the present contention with reference to the Negro's citizenship will be annihilated.

Of course, this will be true where State governments are disposed to be fair, but in such a case as referred to by Congressman Bowie, of Alabama, where he shows that the total amount of poll tax for twelve counties in Alabama paid in by the whites for the year 1899 1900 was \$8,889, and by the Negroes \$15,316.56, we would have reason to entertain some doubts as to whether, any requirement demanded of the Negro would give satisfaction. It has given me much pleasure to read the editorial in The News entitled "Tillman and Washington." It indicates that there is a sentiment in the country that will demand that justice be done even to the helpless. I am also gratified that so able a man as Senator McLaurin has taken Senator Tillman in hand,

for he has done the race more injury than any man living, and his attacks have been made against a part of the people who have no means of defense.

"When he is generously tolerated as a teacher on the lecture platform in a state like Wisconsin it makes the thinkers of the race somewhat nervous. Senator McLaurin represents the other class of Southern people, who are willing to see that justice is meted out to all alike. I have just received a communication from San Antonio, Tex., stating that Col. George W. Breckenridge has recently given \$20,000 with which to erect a school building for the colored people of that city. He is another one of this class to which I refer, as I know him personally."

The bishop is making preparations for the holding of his conferences, which convene as following: Ontario conference, August 28, at Hamilton, Ontario; Indiana conference, September 4, at Crawfordsville; Michigan conference, September 11, at South Bend, Ind.; Iowa conference, September 18, at Chicago; Illinois conference, September 25, at Danville, Ill.

## Happenings in Hartford.

Hartford, Conn., Special:—Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Davis of 300 Farrington ave. announce the marriage of their daughter Miss Carrie E., to Mr. James A. Wilson of Hartford, formerly of Virginia. Mrs. L. Carter, of 38 S. Prospect street and Miss Mabel Freeman spent a few days in New York City last week. Mrs. Major left on the 13th for Philadelphia for a few weeks and on her return will visit in Bridgeport, Conn. Miss Bessie Taylor spent a few days in Wooster, Mass., the guest of Miss Dazzie Morris, niece of Rev. L. H. Taylor. She met Major Taylor who was at home resting after his recent bicycle victories. The members of the Capital City Band gave a reception in honor of their new leader and instructor, Mr. Fred Major of Newbern, N. C., at the residence of Mr. Benjamin Clark 37 Liberty street. Mr. Major comes well recommended as a musician. Refreshments were served and several selections rendered by the band.

Mr. L. S. Johnson left August 17th for Boston to spend his vacation. He will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Green of that city. Miss Lucy Winston and sister left on the 17th for Narragansett Pier, R. I., to spend a two week's vacation. Mrs. William H. Jacklin is visiting her husband's relatives in Fishkill, N. Y. She will be joined by her husband in September. Miss Hattie B. Woods of Bellvue street is taking a two weeks' vacation.

## The Buckeye News.

Cincinnati, O., Special:—Mrs. George H. Jackson entertained in honor of Miss Syphax of Washington on Thursday, August 1st at her magnificent residence on Almo Place, Walnut Hills. Those present were Mrs. Scott Berry, Mrs. John H. Miller, Mrs. E. Duval Colley, Mrs. M. C. Mason, Mrs. N. C. Vaughan, Mrs. P. W. Dabney, Mrs. Kate Boone, Mrs. Frederick Doll, Mrs. Warren King, Miss Edna King, Mrs. L. D. Easton, sr., Misses May and Katie Easton, Jennie Porter and Alice Thomas. The afternoon was delightfully spent, and this was one of the most swell affairs given in Cincinnati this season.

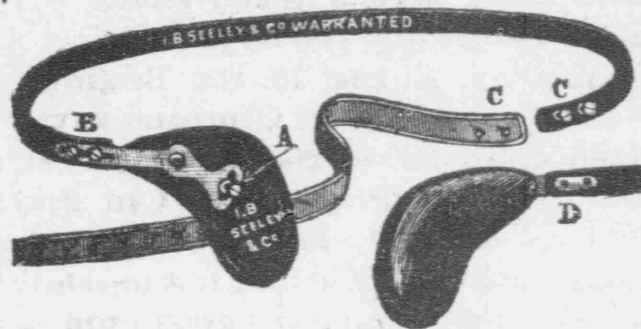
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